Limited, Hyderabad and Bharat Petrochemicals Limited, Mumbai for commercial production.

New tourism projects

735. SHRI S.K. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of projects approved and implemented for the development of infrastructure in the field of tourism during the last three years;

(b) the funds sanctioned for each of the projects so far;

(c) the details of achievements made so far in this regard; and

(d) the new tourism project propose to be sanctioned during the current fiscal year?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b)The Department of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned 967 projects amounting to Rs. 239.05 crores to the State Governments/ UT Administrations during last three years *i.e.* 1999-2000 to 2001 -2002 for development and promotion of tourism in the country.

(c) Out of 967 projects, 282 projects have been completed.

(d) The Department of Tourism has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 71.37 crores for new projects and development of infrastructure facilities and promotion of tourism during the year 2002-03.

Tourism potential in the country

736. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that as per expert estimates every one million additional foreign visitors would give India an additional revenue of Rs. 4,300 crores and that every additional investment of Rs. 1 million has a potential to generate 47.5 jobs; and

(b) if so, in what manner Government propose to launch an intensive tourism promotion programme, fixing target, monitoring their periodic